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## **EAL Strategies to Use at Home**



# Strategies to support Primary EAL students at home

## General

Story sequencing – there are lots of free printable activities online. Alternatively, get your child to make their own story cards, either of a well-known story or they can make up their own story.

Look at current language focus on Super Minds online (not available for Starter 1/2B)

Scrap book / diary – lovely parent and child activity. Include photos, tickets and notes. Get your child to draw then label or write sentences, depending on their level.

Be the teacher - with any games you play with your child, allow them to be the teacher and test you. This is very motivating and empowering for them.

## Vocabulary building

Post it notes around the home, Picture cards / Word cards

Games: Pelmanism, Kim's game, Show me

## Recasting for accuracy

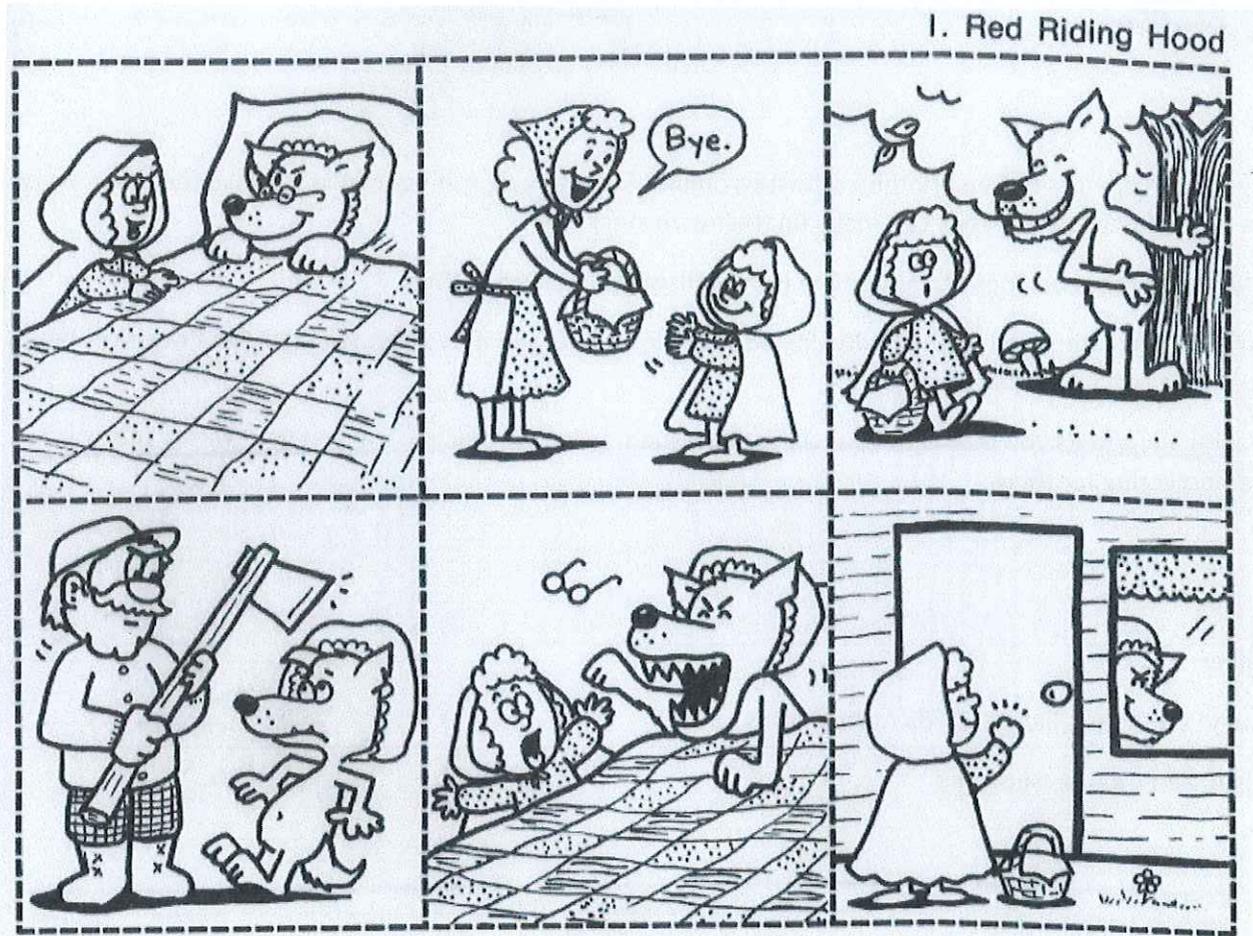
If your child makes a grammatical error in a sentence that you are confident about correcting, repeat what they've said correctly with an emphasis on the correct word. Don't say "No! That's wrong!"

Encourage trying and welcome errors as learning experiences.

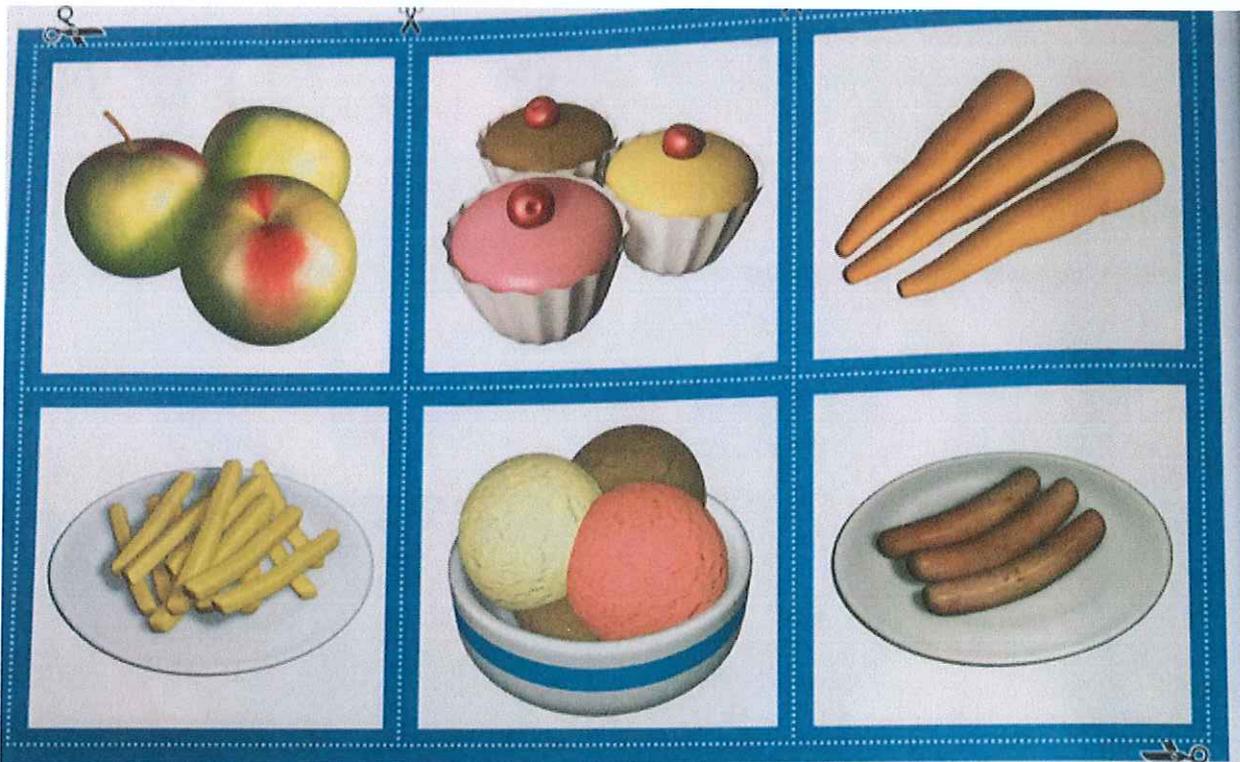
## For confidence and fluency

TV, films, apps, songs, stories, playdates, after school clubs

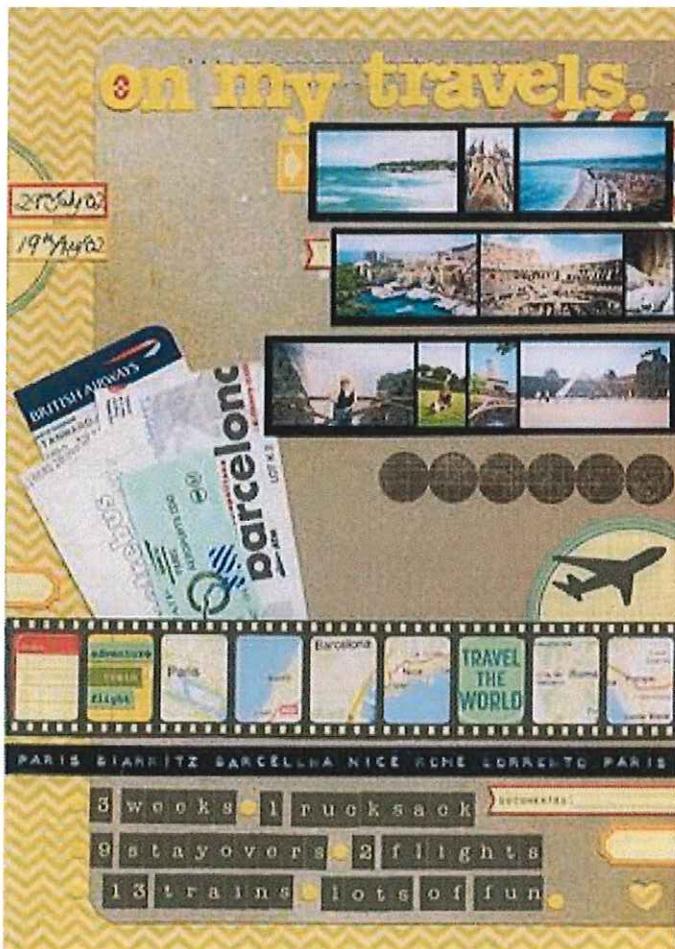
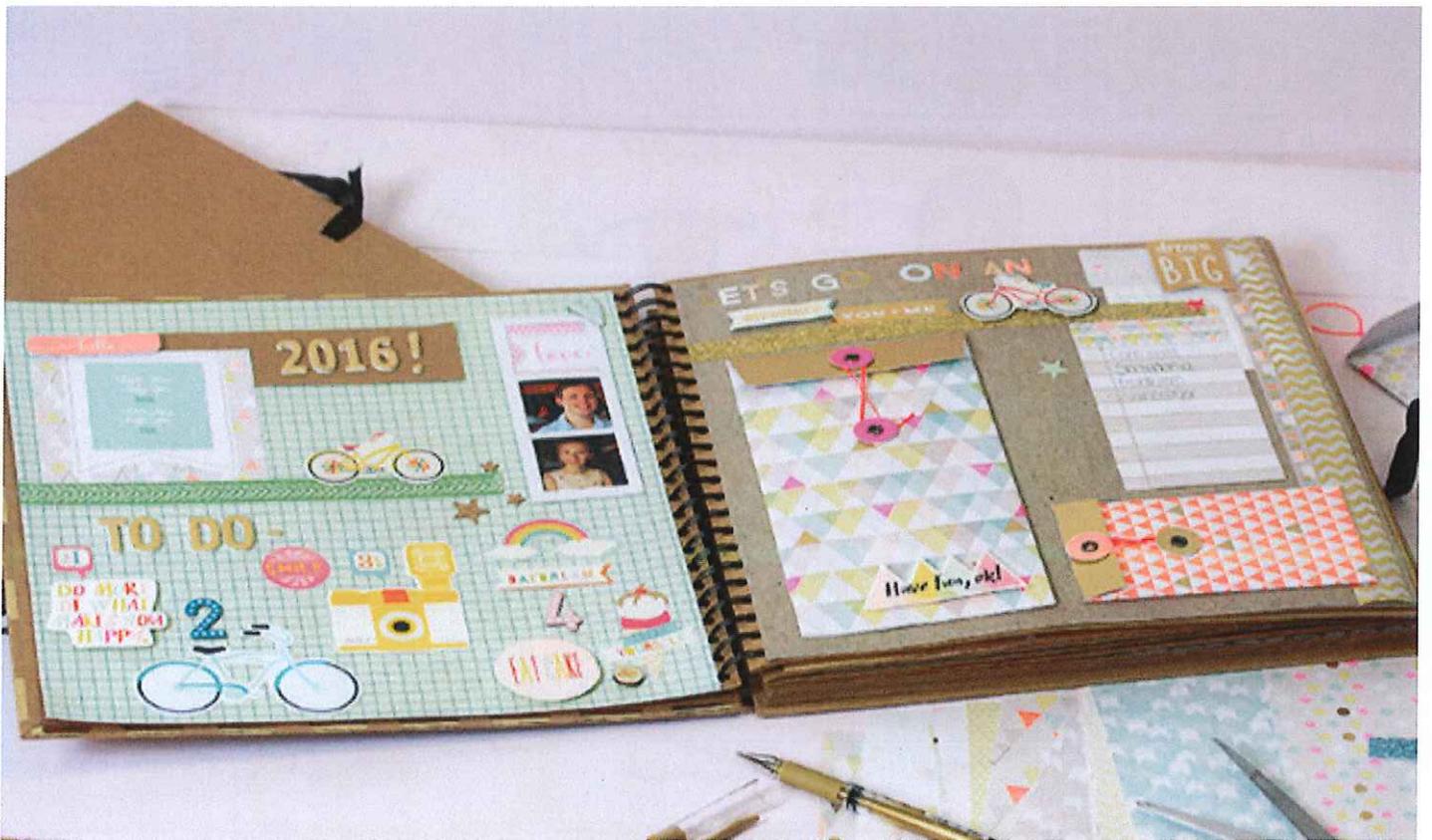
Story sequencing



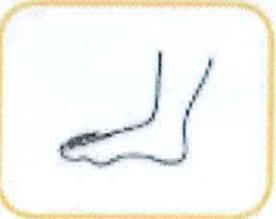
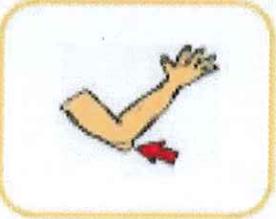
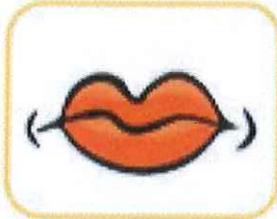
1/2B Super Minds Starter - Vocabulary cards



Scrap book ideas



# BODY (PELMANISM)



mouth

ear

tongue

eye

hair

head

leg

hand

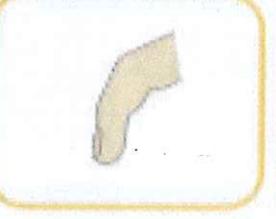
body

elbow

foot

knee

nose



finger



Read and choose.



I'm Lucy. It's  birthday today. My friend's name is Ben.   
 birthday is on Sunday.  birthdays are in May. Tim and Sam are twins.  
 birthdays are in July. My Mum's birthday is next month.   
 birthday is in June. I've got a dog.  birthday is in December.

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3/4B - Unit 6 Pronouns



Read and order.



- 1      
 most expensive      This is the      in the shop      mobile phone
- 2      
 the      in the world      This is      fastest car
- 3      
 bike      the newest      in our school      Nick has

3/4I - Unit 6 Superlatives



## **Strategies for secondary students at home**

### **What you can do!**

- Make sure you understand the British education system and the assessments your child will take this year
- Maintain regular positive contact with your child's teachers and Year Group Leader / Progress Leader
- Get to know your child's academic targets
- Attend all parent consultation evenings and read school reports
- Maintain communication with your child in your first language at home
- Support learning with a home tutor if necessary
- Continue home reading in your mother tongue language
- Expose your child to a range of media in English, for instance, English movies, music and magazines

### **Supporting your child with homework**

At DCIS we expect children to do homework and ask that parents help and encourage their children. Find out what homework you can expect so you can support in its' completion.

### **Sharing books**

Reading at home is important. You can do this in your first language, talking about the pictures and what is happening in the story. The important thing is to enjoy reading together.

### **Homework in the primary school**

It is usual for young children to have homework to complete, for example, taking to school photos of home or family, sharing special objects or celebrations with the class. Ask the class teacher if your child is unclear about any of the homework.

Older children will have spelling and maths homework based on the learning each week. This is explained in the 'Weekly Roundup' email you receive each Friday.

### **Homework in the secondary school**

In the secondary school, homework is based on a Tic Tac Toe format. Student are able to choose which tasks they complete from a range of activities. They are also required to keep a reading log and will be asked to complete online activities for the 'Eyes Open' EAL curriculum. Please use the school planner to communicate with teachers and check what homework needs to be completed. You should sign the planner once a week.

***Ways to help your child:***

- Ask questions and talk about the topics studied in your first language
- Provide access to a bilingual dictionary and a laptop
- Encourage your child to write down any new words in English and the mother tongue in their translation dictionary
- If they do not understand something encourage them to ask the teacher the next day to explain it again